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Toxic waste from train derailment sent to local sites

The decision to send five truckloads of toxic waste 225 miles from the site of a train derailment in Ohio for disposal in Romulus and Belleville met with outrage from city, county and state officials last week.

Toxic waste from the site of an Ohio train derailment was sent by truck to Romulus and Van Buren Township for disposal.

While some of the toxic soil and chemicals from the massive train accident in Ohio have already been accepted at the deep-well injection disposal in Romulus and at a disposal site in Van Buren Township, transport of the waste material has been halted due, in part, to strong protests from area officials. Norfolk-Southern Railway managers made the decision to send the chemicals and toxic soil from the site of the East Palestine, Ohio derailment by truck into sites owned by Republic Waste Services in both Romulus and Van Buren Township. Officials confirmed that the transport was authorized prior to federal Environmental Protection Agency representatives taking control of the situation. No specific information regarding the truck routes through neighboring communities was provided.

The derailment Feb. 3 in Ohio included 11 freight cars containing hazardous materials. Residents near the wreckage site were evacuated as the threat of an explosion or serious health risks were made public. Five cars containing toxic vinyl chloride were burned by officials in an attempt to prevent an explosion, according to reports from the site, while others were sent to the Michigan disposal sites.

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight said officials from the city would continue to work with state and national officials to prevent the delivery of any more of the toxic waste to the Romulus deep well injection site. He said that his administration was "using all resources available to them to halt this process."

McCraight added that Romulus officials and residents have "been opposed to the deep injection well since the 90s. The shipments to our community have been halted and we will continue to work with our elected officials at all levels to do whatever we can to protect our residents."

Romulus Director of Community Safety and Development Kevin Krause was also critical of the decision to bring the waste into the community.

"The City of Romulus has been fundamentally opposed to the injection well since its inception, EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) preempt the city from the permitting process, leaving the city no choice but to accept the permitting and site within our boundaries.

"As recent as 2020 during the Republic purchase of the well, the City of Romulus went to Lansing and EGLE to address long-standing concerns about the site and its operations. The residents' safety is our number one priority, and we believe that this hazardous material is an Ohio issue and should stay an Ohio issue." Krause said in a prepared statement.

Krause questioned the safety of transporting the waste more than 225 miles and almost 3.5 hours to reach Michigan.

Krause said that Romulus officials would continue to work with Wayne County, state, and federal representatives to call for a "coordinated disposal process that keeps this waste out of Romulus and out of Michigan."

The city outrage was equaled by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans who said that he and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office were kept in the dark before learning about the disposal plans "from the grapevine."

"It sounds in all intents and purposes that we were sand-

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Taking her 'turn'

Former Canton Township resident to compete on 'The Voice'

Grace Rembinski West

Viewers of The Voice may hear a familiar voice during the competition this year.

Former Canton Township resident and 2021 Plymouth High School graduate Grace Rembinski West, 19, will be a contestant this season of the show which begins March 6.

West revealed her participation in the show on social media last month. "This has to be the hardest secret I've ever kept," she posted. "I'm SO EXCITED TO TELL Y'ALL I auditioned for @NBC Thevoice.

In a follow-up post on Feb. 21, the aspiring entertainer suggested readers guess the number of chairs that turn or which celebrity judge's team she joined. She urged her followers to post their guesses on her Facebook site. The Voice season winner receives a $100,000 prize and a record deal with Universal Music Group. West had to survive numerous auditions to appear on the show where she will perform for judges Blake Shelton, Kelly Clarkson, Niall Horan and Chance the Rapper.

West signed a contract with Mucho Love Music before her high school graduation. She and her parents, Daryl and Jill Rembinski, moved to Nashville in 2021, to pursue her singing career.

She is singing professionally in Nashville and said she has high hopes for her performance on The Voice.

Plymouth planning commission approves racetrack plans

> *"I can put something worse in there, and I can make every one of you cry with some of the buildings and stuff I can put in."*

Members of the Plymouth Township Planning Commission approved the plans for the Northville Downs in Plymouth horse racing track during a meeting Feb. 15. The meeting followed a public hearing on the issue during which residents spoke both in favor of and against the project.

The racetrack is proposed at a 124-acre site near Five Mile and Ridge Road. The site was formerly designated as the Ridge Five Corporate Park, but no development took place and the site is now vacant land. Only 52 acres of the site are suitable for building as the remainder is protected wetlands, according to township records.

The plans for the Plymouth site include construction of a half-mile oval harness racetrack; a two-story, 4,900-square-foot grandstand with a patio for viewing; a 23,000-square-foot racing building; a 35,000 square foot horse barn and a 3,200 square foot maintenance building. In addition, plans include a 54,000-square-foot gaming facility to be constructed during a future phase of development. Any casino or racino gambling would require state approval.

The planning commission members were asked to determine if the plans for the racetrack and other buildings meet predetermined criteria as a planned unit development, or PUD.

Residents spoke about the project for more than an hour and cited concerns regarding animal ethics and gambling in the community. Some claimed the plan does not conform to the township master plan. One resident reminded the commissioner of the death rate of horses in the racing industry. He noted that the state has outlawed dog racing due to the cruelty and asked the officials how the horse track was any different. Several residents reminded the officials of the closure of all horseracing tracks in the state, with the exception of Northville Downs.

Marilyn Bertera, of Northville, said she and her husband are lifelong harness racers and that she serves in roles with the U.S. Trotting Association and the American Horse Council.

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Sumpter - Romulus

School board reinstates former superintendent

A standing ovation from a packed meeting room welcomed Romulus Community Schools Superintendent Benjamin Edmondson back to the job.

Edmondson was formally reinstated to his position as part of a settlement agreement in a lawsuit he filed against the district last September. His lawsuit was filed in response to his suspension by previous members of the board of education who subsequently placed him on indefinite leave. Immediately following Edmondson's return to work following a six-week medical leave as he recovered from heart surgery last fall, he was placed on administrative leave by the board members. During his medical leave, board members hired Dixon Public Consulting to analyze district finances. The former board members subsequently voted 4-3 Sept. 27 to place Edmondson on administrative leave as the audit continued.

> *In November, voters chose new school board members and did not reelect two of those who voted to terminate Edmondson.*

Board meetings following his forced absence became contentious and often raucous as students, parents, teachers and community leaders protested and criticized both the consulting firm and the actions of the board. Edmondson's lawsuit charged violations of the Michigan Whistleblower Protection Act and the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act naming the board members and the district. The board members retaliated by placing him on "indefinite leave."

In his lawsuit, Edmondson claimed the "administrative leave" came only days after he reported his concerns about potential violations of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to the board members. He also claimed in the suit that he had been inundated by a "sustained campaign of harassment" from board members who began "pushing back on decisions within his discretion as superintendent, interfering with his ability to perform his job and improve the school district, and causing multiple District administrators and employees to quit."

Edmondson, who is Black and holds both masters and doctoral degrees, became superintendent in September of August 2020. During his imposed indefinite leave, he was replaced with a white person who was paid more and had few qualifications, the lawsuit alleged.

In November, voters chose new school board members and did not reelect two of those who voted to terminate Edmondson. The new board members approved the negotiated settlement with Edmondson which included his reinstatement. The current board members and a crowded room of supporters welcomed Edmondson back during the Feb. 13 meeting.

Superintendent Benjamin Edmondson

"We're ready to move our district forward," board President Ursula Wester said.

Sumpter trustees approve purchase of police vehicle

Sumpter Township trustees approved the $50,407 purchase of a Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle from Gorno Ford during the Feb. 14 meeting.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke explained that the procedures for purchasing police vehicles had changed significantly during the past few years.

"We can no longer just walk in and order a vehicle," he told the board members. He noted that Ford is forecasting an increase that could be as much as $6,000 to $8,000 and that GM could be the same. Luke noted that the current patrol cars travel about 100 to 120 miles a day.

"It is 24 miles to make one lap around the township," he said. He said the township should be able to transfer installation of the specialty equipment in the current patrol car to the new vehicle, "unless they make adjustment or redesign the interior of the vehicle."

Luke explained that he was requesting the vehicle early as he anticipated one patrol car would reach the maximum mileage during this fiscal year and he did not want to wait until the summer of 2024 to begin the ordering procedure for a new vehicle.

He explained that the state bids a number of vehicles and a great deal of equipment and then sets a price. Certain dealers around the state specialize in municipal orders. Luke said the local Ford dealership has never been the dealership recognizing state pricing.

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"We ran into some hiccups with a vehicle that just came in, so after a long discussion, we believe its best to stick with the dealer that actually has the direct connection to the way Ford does their fleet vehicles," he said.

The purchase was unanimously approved with Trustee Peggy Morgan absent from the meeting.

Waste

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bagged. I don't know how you do that without contacting local officials so that we can number one, know how to respond to our communities, and two, to give advice about what routes to take and those sort of things," Evans said during a press conference last Friday.

He added that Whitmer's office also received sketchy and last-minute information about the disposal and that her staff was also attempting to get more information.

Substances moved to Michigan include cancer-causing vinyl chloride, said U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Ann Arbor, during the press conference.

"They told us there were five trucks that came today from Ohio that they have 99 percent water and 1 percent vinyl chloride. And that going forward all of it is on pause and another site is likely to be found," she said. "Our job from the governor on down, is to ensure that everyone is safe and that no one ever again blindsides everybody the way they did on the delivery of this material," Dingell added.

Evans said he believed the quick reaction from local elected officials played a part in the stoppage of the hazardous transport.

"What I do know is that some of this material is already at the landfill. I'm understanding from the EPA that some of that transport will be shut down immediately and they are going to make arrangements for some of that material to go other places," Evans said.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's office released a statement Friday noting that 4,832 cubic yards of soil had already been excavated from the ground and moved by dump trucks to Michigan disposal sites.

Federal EPA officials assumed management of the site and disposal Friday, and immediately halted the shipments into Michigan. Norfolk Southern has been ordered by the federal agency to fund the entire cleanup and chemical release.

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PLYMOUTH

Wish come true

Plymouth Noon Rotary Club President Penny Joy, at left, got her birthday wish last week when club members packaged 100 birthday cake kits. The kits, including cake mix, other ingredients, frosting and candles, will be distributed by the Salvation Army to those in the community who might otherwise not be able to enjoy a birthday cake. The kit ingredients were funded by a donation from a club member and fellow Rotarians packaged up the sweet gifts during their regular luncheon meeting at the Plymouth Community Center last week.

Track

FROM PAGE 1

"Standardbred horses are bred to race. That's what they like to do, that's what they enjoy doing. We don't force them to race. Most racehorses are very well cared for. They're our livelihood, so of course we take very good care of them," she said.

Sally Patella, monitoring manager of The Friends of the Rouge told the commission the organization was "extremely concerned" about the project and impact it might have on Johnson Creek, the only cold water stream in the Rouge River watershed inhabited by a specific type of fish.

Officials said 556 email comments including 515 autogenerated PETA form letters, opposing the project were received.

Plymouth Township Economic Development Coordinator Gary Heitman drew a strong response from the audience when he responded to comments that the township was narrowly focused on the financial benefits of the proposed track.

"My goal is to fill every single open spot there is in this township with a business that brings taxes to the township," Heitman said. He said the proposed site had been vacant for six years and, "I've had at least 50 businesses that were going to move in. I've gotten no (financial) support from Wayne County, no support from the State of Michigan.

"Guess what? I can put something worse in there, and I can make every one of you cry with some of the buildings and stuff I can put in," he said, generating the visible ire of the audience members. Plymouth Township resident Catie Miglietti responded to Heitman noting, "I think it's sad that kind of behavior is tolerated here." Her comments drew applause from the crowd.

Planning commissioners approved the PUD with conditions, sending it to the township board of trustees for consideration. If the plan is approved by the trustees, it will again be considered by the planning commission members. If approved by the board, the proposal will be reconsidered by the planning commission and will then be subject to the members of the township board of trustees for a site plan review.

Looking ahead

Employees and members of the Poulos family, owners of Karl's Cabin, attended an emotional meeting last Friday evening at the fire-damaged restaurant. Owners noted that usually at 7:30 on a Friday night the Gotfredson Road restaurant would be bustling with guests enjoying dinner. This week, however, due to serious damage at the log cabin building during a three alarm fire Feb. 16, the staff met to learn about the progress and timeline for reopening."Our number one priority is supporting our staff because we can't imagine reopening without them. A GoFundMe was created by one of our loyal customers,"said owners in an email."All funds collected with go directly to the employees," they added.

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2023
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 13th, 2023	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 15th, 2023	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 12:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursdays at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.259
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 7, BUSINESS MTS, TO ADD SECTION 7.06, SOUTHERN GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

The following Section(s) are amended:

Section 1: Article 7, Business Districts, to add Section 7.06 and Section 8.04(b)9)

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 13th day of February 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 13th day of February, 2023.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 2nd day of March, 2023.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2023 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 13, 2023:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 14, 2023:	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 15, 2023:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 18, 2023:	9:30 am
December 12, 2023:	9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-002
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.260
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9, AIRPORT DISTRICT, TO AMEND SECTION 9.02, SCHEDULE OF USES, TABLE 9.02 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS.

The following Section(s) are amended:

Section 1: Article 9, Airport District, Section 9.02 Table 9.02, Schedule of Uses

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Inkster - Northville

Tickets still available for 'Red Carpet' awards dinner

Tickets for the red carpet Northville Community Awards Dinner set for March 9 are still available.

Seven residents will be honored for a variety of accomplishments, according to chamber Events Manager Matt Zook. Awards will be presented for business excellence, volunteers of the year and the prestigious John Genitti Citizen of the Year honor.

Volunteers honored during the event will include Sher Watkins of the Chamber of Commerce; Nancy Darga of the City of Northville; Jeff Oles from Northville Township and Linda Bastien from the Northville District Library. The Citizen of the Year is a closely guarded secret, Zook said.

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Special guests will include Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull and Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo. This is a red-carpet event, Zook said, so guests can wear their finest attire and enjoy photo ops during the evening. Entertainment will be provided by the newly-formed Northville Chorale and there will be a gift basket raffle.

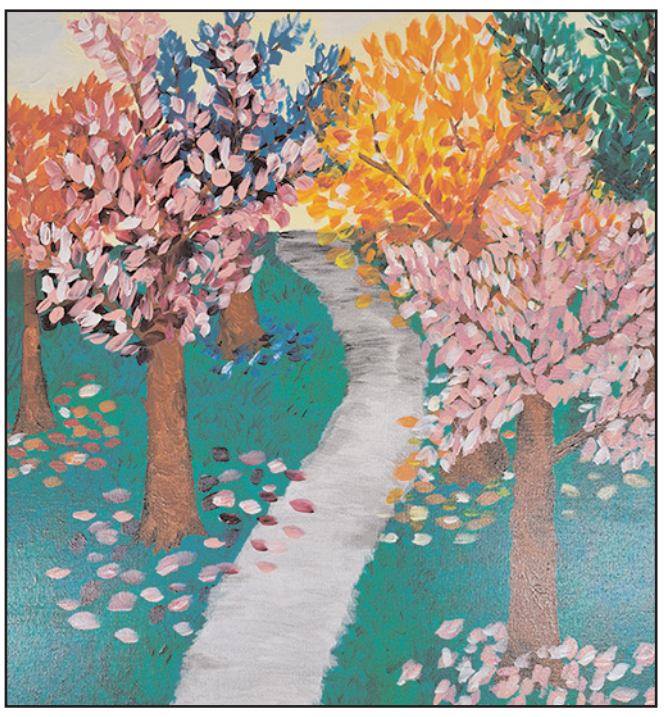
The dinner will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 East Main St., Northville.

Dinner is scheduled to be served at 6 p.m. and the awards presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Marquis Theatre, 135 East Main St. in downtown Northville.

Tickets are priced at $75 per person for chamber members and $85 for non-members and are available online at: https://www.northville.org/northville-community-awards-dinner.

Art House to present Young Artists Exhibition and sale

Layla Freeman, Jewelry, Age 11, Photo credit and courtesy of Layla Freeman



Meera Dani, Painting, Age 15, Photo credit and courtesy of Meera Dani

Avaneesh Dale, Pen & Ink, Age 12, Photo credit and courtesy of Avaneesh Dale

The Northville Art House will present the seventh annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair Saturday, March 18 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, located at 200 E Main St. in downtown Northville.

More than 30 young creative entrepreneurs, ages 7 - 18 will showcase diverse artistic talents through original artwork and crafts.

The one-day indoor exhibit will include musical performances by local student groups. On display will be art exhibitions by preschool and elementary students as well as art activities for family and kids. A $5 donation entrance fee is suggested for visitors ages 13 and older. Those 12 and younger will be admitted at no cost. Parking is available on the street and in the municipal lots near the church.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with the artists on hand selling their work along with string and piano performances by the Students of Lynda Fugenzi. Art exhibitions feature art from the Northville Art House After School Art Programs with Thornton Creek, Moraine, Winchester, and Amerman Elementary schools as well as preschool creativity from the Northville Presbyterian Preschool with instructor Maria Latour. At 1:30 p.m. Vibes, a student choral and music group from Northville High School, will perform before the fair closes at 3 p.m.

The Young Artist Juried Art Fair is made possible through partnerships with First Presbyterian Church of Northville and presenting sponsor, Community Financial Credit Union. Additional support from Northville District Library, Maybury Farm, Max Printing and Tuscan Café.

To become a sponsor for this and other events hosted by the Northville Art House and for more information call (248) 344-0497 x3 or visit www.northvillearthouse.org/yaaf.

Welcome home

Inkster city officials joined Moe and Jennifer Medhi of AAHM Investments last week for the official grand opening of Avenue of Inkster Apartments. The newly-renovated apartment complex on Michigan Avenue will provide affordable housing featuring studio, one and two-bedroom apartments. The renovated apartment complex replaces a former condemned motel city officials described as an "eyesore" in the community. The 32 apartments will rent in the $700 per month price range and were designed to provide affordable housing, the developers noted.

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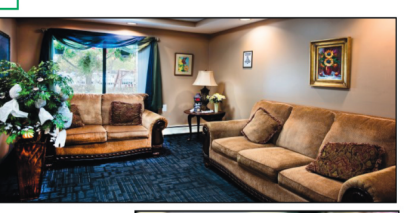

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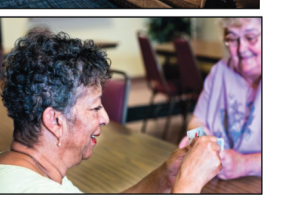

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1. Obituaries

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

Barbara Bechel was a beloved grandmother, mother and wife during her 80 years of life. She passed away quickly and peacefully in the final hours of February 12, 2023.

Barbara's life is the story of a quiet hero with a gentle nature, saving people with love and compassion. She had an unparalleled dedication to her family and strong work ethic. The bond she shared with her daughters will never end, and her love for her grandson is everlasting.

Survivors include her daughters, Diane (David) Marriott, Debra (Lawrence) Esker, and grandson Nathaniel Esker, and many close cousins and family members. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Bechel and her parents, Agnes and John Noga.

A memorial mass took place Feb. 27 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Painesville, OH.

A private family interment will be held in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brookpark, at a later date.

Donations can be made in Barbara's honor to the John F. Bechel Scholarship Fund at St. Nicholas Catholic Church 1169 Alverda Road, Nicktown, PA 15762.
Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com. Arrangements were entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

59. Auctions

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On Friday, March 10th, 2023, at 11: 30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2003 Chevrolet
1GNDS13S032402986
UNK TRAILER UNKOWN
The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Township Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is a $100 buyers fee paid additionally per vehicle made payable to the Canton Township Police Department.
2015 Hyundai
5XYZUDLB0FG238210
2016 Hyundai
5NPE24AFXGH284051
2013 Chevrolet
1G11F5RR5DF120146
2001 Ford
1FMYU04151KA34415
2008 Hyundai
5NMSG13D28H131810
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Livonia Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Livonia Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2008 Freightliner
1FYACWDT98DA07370
The above vehicles are impounded through the Romulus Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Romulus Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2009 Toyota
4T1BE46K39U317749
2017 Kia
3KPFK4A72HE071338
2011 Hyundai
KMHEC4A45BA006648
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.
2007 Ford
3FAHP07Z77R227219
2021 Chevrolet
KL7CJPSM8MB361390
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2010 Dodge
3D4PG5FV6AT127806
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Wayne Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Wayne Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is a $100 buyers fee paid additionally per vehicle made payable to the City of Wayne Police Department.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

CANTON

Carbon monoxide suspected in death

The owner of a local automotive business, Scott Southers, 60, was found dead last week by an employee arriving for work at the Haggerty Road building.

Canton Township Police and EMTs responded to the employee's 911 call at about 7 a.m. Feb. 21. Officers and EMTs attempted to revive Southers inside the business, but were unsuccessful and he remained unresponsive, according to police reports. After an investigation, officers left the scene but were called back to Prototype Automotive Solutions, located in the 7200 block of Haggerty Road near Warren Road, after an employee became ill.

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When emergency responders returned, they discovered an extremely high level of carbon monoxide at the building, believed to have come from a vehicle parked inside. DTE assisted the Canton Fire Department in locating the source of the toxic gas. The employee, three police officers and four firefighters were subsequently transported to a nearby hospital to determine their exposure to the carbon monoxide. All eight were treated and released, according to reports.

Mr. Southers is survived by his girlfriend Rosalina Rico; his children, Victoria, Corryn and Maggie; siblings Starr (Dan) Warnke, Todd Southers and Glenda (Dave) Carnill; nieces Briana and Trisha Warnke, and many friends.

Visitation and funeral services for Mr. Southers were planned for today, March 2, at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

Scott Southers

Cherry Hill Village renovations, upgrades planned

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees have approved an intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County to fund the revitalization of Cherry Hill Village.

Canton will contribute $4.75 million to the project using American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds, Wayne County millage funds and the township general fund. The plan for the construction of new restaurants, open-air dining, a new park and public programs was to be presented to members of the Wayne County Commission last week in an effort to secure a matching $4.75 million from county ARPA funds.

The project, called Canton Town Square, has been the subject of discussion among township and county officials for more than a year. Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said the project would fill a need in the community for a "walkable, economically vital downtown community. She said the partnership with Wayne County would offer an opportunity to double the amount of funding available for the project.

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Cherry Hill Village is a designed community which features homes with front porches, picket fences, parks and walkable streets. The projected commercial and retail district in the community was not completed, officials said. Graham-Hudak said that small businesses established in the village community struggled and sometimes failed.

Preliminary plans for the revitalization include a park, the Village Arts Factory Campus with the creation of Factory Park on 14 acres of undeveloped land behind the factory, improvements to Preservation Park, Leisure Services programming, Arts & Humanities community events, an improved sidewalk and trail system and parking improvements.

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist explained that the plans for the project would be presented to the public before construction was under way. He noted, too, that residents on the west side of the township often go elsewhere for entertainment. He said he hoped the proposed project would allow Canton residents to feel more comfortable staying in the community. He said he felt the project was good from the environment and good for the community.

Artist's submissions for exhibition now being accepted

Proposals are now being accepted for solo or group exhibitions during the 2024 exhibition season at The Gallery at Cherry Hill. Submissions from both local and regional artists and all mediums will be accepted until April 7.

Artists can now apply online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org/41 8 for a solo or group exhibition. Submissions must include: artist's statement; no more than nine high-quality JPEG digital images; list of representative images submitted; document artwork including the artist's name, title, medium, dimensions, and completion date of the work and a current resume/biography. All questions regarding the Gallery at Cherry Hill 'Call for Artists' for the 2024 season can be emailed to Elli Fassois at elli.fassois@cantonmi.gov.

Artists are ineligible to apply if they have had a solo exhibition at the Gallery at Cherry Hill within the last five years. Participation in group/collaborative shows does not disqualify entrants. For more information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org/418.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill exhibition committee comprising local artists and art educators, will determine the final 2024 exhibition season schedule.

The Gallery at Cherry Hill, located in The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, is free and open to the public. Current gallery hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 4 until 8 p.m Thursday and Friday and during all public performances.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI, 49187. For more information on the current or 2024 exhibition seasons, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to:

Northville Township
Department of Public Services
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, Michigan 48168-9670

Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 348-5819 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Roger Lundberg, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** – Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **Public Safety – Deputy Chief Introduction** – Presented
   - B. **Appointment – Beautification Commission – Kimberly Meisel** – Approved
   - C. **Essential Service Complex Presentation** – No Presentation
   - D. **Landfill Working Committee Report** – No Presentation
3. **Public Hearing:**
   - A. **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application –** Opened and Conducted
4. **Brief Public Comments:** None
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application** – Approved
   - B. **Schafer Amended Real Estate Purchase Agreement (Second)** – Approved
   - C. **Finance – Essential Service Complex Bonding** – Approved
   - D. **Finance – Budget Amendment 2023-1** – Approved
   - E. **Public Services – Ward Church Temporary Sign Request** – Approved
   - F. **Public Services – Purchase of Replacement Fire Hydrants** – Approved
   - G. **IT Services – Northville City Agreement** – Approved
   - H. **Clerk's Office – Board & Commission Appointments** – Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:**
   - A. **Ordinance Amendment Chapter 53-17 Penalties – Adoption** – Approved
8. **Check Registry:**
   - A. **In the amount of $ 4,235,970.52 for the period of January 7, 2023 to February 3, 2023.** – Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - A. **Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen, Todd Mutchler**
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available March 1, 2023
Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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Westland police seeing school crossing guards

The Westland Police Department is looking for candidates to serve as crossing guards in the city, helping students safely cross streets as they travel to and from classes.

Three students in the Wayne Westland Community Schools district have been involved in serious vehicle accidents during the past few months, officials said, proving the need for help at city intersections.

Candidates for the crossing guard positions will receive training in topics such as stranger danger, CPR/First Aid, missing persons, and other safety procedures. Crossing guards will be assigned to work at a variety of posts in school parking lots and at intersections throughout the city, police officials said.

Minimum qualifications for the job include a criminal history check and candidates must be aware of the responsibility for the safety of children. Candidates must be dependable and available to work during the hours of 7 until 9:30 a.m. and/or 2:30 until 4:15 p.m.

> *Crossing guards are paid $15 per hour and must be physically able to provide safe crossing for school children.*

Crossing guards are paid $15 per hour and must be physically able to provide safe crossing for school children and pedestrians during school drop-off and dismissal, including observing and stopping vehicular traffic. Crossing guards also assist lost or injured students or others who may need assistance and should represent a positive image of the Westland Police Department and school district.

Applications are available at the front desk of the police department or online at: https://www.cityofwestland.com/.../Crossing-Guard-2022...

Applications can be completed online or printed and submitted at the Westland Police Department. Crossing Guards will work under the training and supervision of the Westland Police Department Traffic Bureau.

For more information, contact Ofc. Michael Aldini with the Westland Police Department Traffic Bureau at maldini@wlpd.net or (734) 722-9633.

Students' kindness earns council recognition

Members of the Westland City Council officially recognized two students for their Random Acts of Kindness, a program implemented in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Westland Compassionate City Committee.

Recognized this month were Brandon Britton of Wayne Memorial High School and Lucas Downey of William D. Ford Career-Technical Center.

Britton participates in the district unified basketball team as a student coach. He has been a consistent presence for the team, and the players look forward to seeing him, according to his nomination. He was recognized for his kindness in volunteering his time to this unique program, officials said.

School officials and family members congratulated Brandon Britton and Lucas Downey for their Random Acts of Kindness which were recognized by members of the Westland City Council last week.

Downey is a young man willing to help out in any capacity, according to his nomination. From helping another student with an assignment, to helping teaching staff. He helped bring down the carts to the lecture hall when his class had to temporarily change classrooms, his nomination noted.

Downey is consistently nominated for student of the week for always going out of his way to be extra helpful in the Autobody classroom, school officials noted. Westland council members congratulated the students.

Zebra Marching Band to perform before Tigers game

Wayne Memorial High School students have hit a high note with the recent announcement that the Zebra Marching Band will perform the National Anthem at Comerica Park this spring.

The band will take to the baseball diamond at 6:45 p.m. April 14 before the game begins and the first pitch is thrown. School officials said a link would be posted on the Wayne Westland Community Schools website at a later date for the purchase of tickets to the game.

All the marching band members will be admitted to the Detroit Tigers game free of charge in return for the musical performance. Organizers suggested visiting the district website for more information regarding tickets for the Tigers vs. the San Francisco Giants game.

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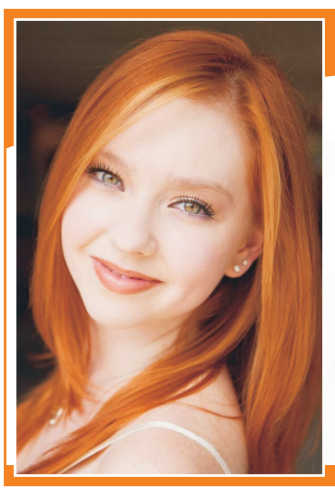

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE §53-17

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the amendment to §53-17 (Keeping of Animals: Penalties) at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The approved amendment is as follows:

A. *Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties specified for a violation of the Township Code. However, only in the case of a violation of §53-4 a written warning shall be provided to the responsible party as follows:*

The Chief of Police, or his/her designee, is authorized to serve a written notice of violation on the person responsible for any violation of the provisions of §53-4 which shall require compliance within 14 days of the notice.

Failure to comply with the written warning on a first offense or second offense shall result in the following penalty:

a. *The following civil fines shall apply in the event of a determination of responsibility for a municipal civil infraction, unless a different fine is specified in connection with a particular section:*
   i. *First offense: The civil fine for a first offense violation shall be in the amount of $300, plus costs and other sanctions, for each offense.*
   ii. *Second offense: The civil fine for any offense which is a second offense shall be in an amount of $500, plus costs and other sanctions for each offense.*
b. *In addition to ordering the defendant determined to be responsible for a municipal civil fraction to pay a civil fine, costs, damages and expenses, the Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce or enjoin violation of the chapter.*
c. *Continuing offense. Each act of violation, and on each day upon which any such violation shall occur, shall constitute a separate offense.*
d. *Remedies not exclusive. In addition to any remedies provided for by the Code of Ordinances, any equitable or other remedies available may be sought.*
e. *The Judge or Magistrate shall be authorized to impose costs, damages and expenses provided by the law.*
f. *A municipal civil infraction shall not be a lesser-included offense of a criminal offense or of an ordinance violation which is not a civil infraction.*
g. *A third or subsequent offense shall be a misdemeanor punishable as set forth in §1-10 of the Township Code.*

The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on January 19, 2023.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us .

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 16th day of February, 2023.
Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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Second Reading: 02-16-23
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